phase have not yet been identified. At the Central Government level, the Ministry of Rural Development will monitor the implementation of the Act and the Planning Commission can review its implementation. In additional, the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 shall be monitored through Central Employment Guarantee Council in accordance with Section 11 of the Act.

Payment of wages to workforce under NREGS

869. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether demands have been made for payment of wages to workforce to be engaged under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme through cheques instead of cach in order to avoid underpayment or exploitation;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (b) The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), 2005 has been notified in the Gazette of India on 7th September, 2005. The notification for applicability of the Act is yet to be issued under Section 1(3) of the Act. The details regarding payment of wages to workforce to be engaged under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme have not yet been finalised.

Fund allocation for various rural development schemes

870. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the allocation of central funds to State Governments on various rural development schemes during the last three years; scheme-wise, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether the schemes have benefited the targeted sections;

(c) if so, the scheme-wise details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that many States failed to utilize the funds earmarked for the specific scheme; and